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Applicant: Russell et al.

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Expression of Immunogenic
Substances

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 17, 1999 in the above-noted patent application, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16 and 18 as follows:

1. A method of regulating in a mammal the expression [in a mammal] of a recombinant nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide which is immunogenic in the mammal; the method comprising introducing into the mammal a cell comprising the nucleic acid sequence encoding the immunogenic polypeptide, said sequence being operably linked to a drug-regulatable promoter; and altering the concentration of [regulatory] drug that regulates the drug-regulatable promoter to which the cell is exposed so as to achieve expression of said nucleic acid sequence, as permitted, in the presence or absence of said drug.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein prior to said introducing step, said [the] mammal has made an immune response to [the] said immunogenic polypeptide.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein prior to said introducing step, said [the] mammal has circulating antibodies which react with [the] said immunogenic polypeptide.